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NDCA Announces the North Dakota State Tree Lighting Ceremony

The North Dakota Council on the Arts, along with the Governor's Office, the First Lady's Office, and Facility Management, invites the general public to the Lighting Ceremony for the 2014 North Dakota State Christmas Tree. The ceremony will be conducted by Governor Jack Dalrymple and First Lady Betsy Dalrymple on Monday, December 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall of the Capitol Building in Bismarck.

Live entertainment will be provided by Joel Gilbertson, pianist; University of Mary Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Dennis Gowen and Russ Ballenger; and Bismarck State College Chamber Singers, under the direction of Andrew Miller. Readings will be presented by Lieutenant Governor Drew Wrigley and Kathleen Wrigley. The ceremony is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

The tree will be decorated with ornaments handmade by children, students, artists and craftspeople from all over North Dakota, as has been the tradition since 1981. This year 236 ornaments were donated to the State Tree. A descriptive listing of the ornaments will be available at the ceremony.

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